

State of Arizona
COMMISSION ON JUDICIAL CONDUCT

Disposition of Complaint 13-217

Judge:	No. 1080114656A
Complainant:	No. 1080114656B

ORDER

The complainant alleged a municipal court hearing officer did not sufficiently explain his legal options.

The responsibility of the Commission on Judicial Conduct is to impartially determine if the hearing officer engaged in conduct that violated the provisions of Article 6.1 of the Arizona Constitution or the Code of Judicial Conduct and, if so, to take appropriate disciplinary action. The purpose and authority of the commission is limited to this mission.

After reviewing the complaint, the commission found no evidence of ethical misconduct and concluded that the hearing officer did not violate the Code in this case. The commission does not have jurisdiction to review the legal sufficiency of court rulings. Accordingly, the complaint is dismissed in its entirety, pursuant to Rules 16(a) and 23.

Dated: September 25, 2013.

FOR THE COMMISSION

George Riemer

George A. Riemer
Executive Director

Copies of this order were mailed to the complainant and the hearing officer on September 25, 2013.

This order may not be used as a basis for disqualification of a judge.

Dear Arizona Commission on Judicial Conduct,

August 28th, 2013

This is the second time I file the same. I first filed on April 28th, 2013. I never received a response regarding disposition of my request.

On April 23rd, I left Judge _____'s court room with more questions than answers.

"I also acknowledge that the three options of payment, hearing, or completing a traffic education program have been explained to me." (see attached Notice of Final Disposition of Appeal)

Judge _____ did not explain that I had any options at Final Disposition of Appeal on April 23rd.

I came across these options when I received a citation letter in the mail. I do not understand why

I was asked to acknowledge these options at Final Disposition of Appeal. At Final Disposition of Appeal

I was asked to acknowledge these options, but Judge _____ did not explain them. I wonder why Judge

_____ asked me to acknowledge these options at Final Disposition of Appeal. If Judge _____ did not intend to explain these options, why did Judge _____ ask me to acknowledge them? If Judge

_____ did not intend to explain these options, is it better to not ask defendant to acknowledge these options in attached Notice of Final Disposition of Appeal? I hope to get my questions answered. Thank you!